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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 03 May to 1800 UTC Thursday 04 May 2017

#### General Situation

A large area of high pressure centred over the Norwegian Sea will maintain an easterly or northeasterly airflow across the British Isles. This will bring settled conditions for most, but weak weather fronts will bring more changeable weather to parts of southern Britain.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth at first in the Moray Firth.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly northeasterly, 3 or 4, becoming easterly 5 later near Cape Wrath.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth.

Fair.

Good.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in St Andrews Bay and Firth of Forth, decreasing 3 near Rattray Head.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 5 at times in south, otherwise 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Northeast, veering east later, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East backing northeast 4 or 5.

Moderate.

Fair.

Good.

#### Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate, occasionally slight at first.

Occasional rain at first.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate.

Fair.  
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain at times.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeasterly, veering easterly later, 5 or 6, occasionally 4 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far east.  
Rain at times.  
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain at times.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain at times.  
Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.  
Slight, occasionally moderate offshore.  
Showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeast veering east 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain at times.  
Moderate or good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly  
24 hour forecast:  
Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.  
Rough at times in far west, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Showers later.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough west of Start Point.  
Rain at times.  
Moderate or good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northeast, veering east at times, 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, increasing 6 at times later in the Bristol Channel.  
Rough at first near St Davids Head, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northeast, veering east at times, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
East or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight, occasionally moderate later.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or northeast 5 or 6.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
East or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Easterly or northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Variable 3 or 4, becoming east or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far west.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times in south.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good.

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24 hour forecast:  
Northerly or northeasterly, occasionally easterly in north, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far south and far north.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times, then increasing 6 for a time later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth.  
Fair.  
Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath  
24 hour forecast:  
Northerly or northeasterly, occasionally easterly in north, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far west.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times, then increasing 6 at times later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Wednesday 03 May 2017 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 04 May 2017 at 0600 UTC

#### Shetland Isles

General Situation  
Fair weather will persist for Shetland waters under the influence of high pressure centred over the Norwegian Sea.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: None.

Northeasterly 4 or 5, veering easterly 3 later in southeast.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight at first south of Shetland.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 04 May until 1800 UTC on Thursday 04 May:

Northeasterly 4 or 5 at first in northwest, otherwise easterly or southeasterly 3, becoming variable 3 or less later except in far north.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight in shelter of Fair Isle and Shetland.

Fair.

Good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 to 5, occasionally 6.

Slight, becoming moderate in the north and west.

Isolated showers, dying out during the morning.

Good, locally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast to east 4 to 5, increasing 5 to 6 in the evening, locally 7 from around midnight.

Slight to moderate with a decreasing swell, increasing moderate to rather rough, locally rough in the north and west.

Isolated showers, mainly Friday morning in the north of the area risk of rain in the south by Friday evening.

Good, locally moderate in showers and in any rain later.

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